

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 2, 16, and 30-32 were rejected. Claims 3-15, 17-29, and 33-42 were indicated allowable but were objected to as dependent on a rejected claim.

Claims 1, 16, and 30-32 have been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to depend on claim 8. Claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37 have been rewritten in independent form. The rest of the claims are each dependent, directly or indirectly, on a rewritten claim.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments. These amendments do not introduce any new questions of patentability. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

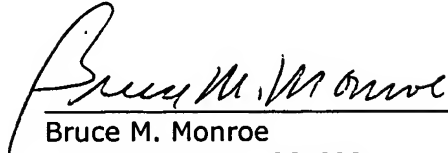
Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to phone applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

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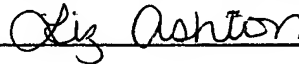
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